

The ound of music

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Doyle Purdy is a chief warrant officer in the U.S. Navy, assigned to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMSPAC). Tim Fields is a chief machinery technician with the U.S. Coast Guard. Joel Bautista is a senior chief electrician's mate, assigned to Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific. John Holy is a retired chief information systems technician for the Navy. Mike Yanga is a Navy family member. They all have their individual place in the military ohana, but together this eclectic group makes up the quintet that is known as Zoundbox, an experimental alternative band that is hitting the military and local clubs with a variety of music.

"We all just clicked right from the get go, and that is something that is probably brought out in our music," said drummer Holy. "We can play to a crowd and pretty much hit everybody's style of music."

The band began one-by-one and eventually gained all their members in July. They play gigs on various military installations and Oahu clubs with a mix of original and cover songs for their fans.

"We're an original band with a side order or covers," said lead singer and rhythm guitarist Purdy. "We add an acoustic flavor and have a variety of music."

Zoundbox has over 20 original songs ranging from mellow, local, experimental and alternative. The band is comprised of a rhythm, acoustic and lead guitar, keyboards, drums and bass.

"I'll have a melody in my head and bring it in," said Purdy. "Joel figures it out fast. John figures out the drumbeat. Mike figures out the bass. Tim figures out the lead guitar and the keyboards. It just happens, and we can come out of here in one session knowing the song already. That's how things click in this band."

The members agree being in a band while in the military is hard, not only because of the demands of their jobs, but their families as well.

"The hardest thing about being in a band, because everyone is either active-duty military or a student, is the schedules," said Holy.

"Not only are we in the military, but we have family responsibilities," said lead guitar and keyboard player Fields. "This stuff takes away from the family. Yes it's hard, but if you want to do something and you want to do it good, then you make the time. It's a passion. It's just a great feeling to take this music from ground level and get four other people to play it with you."

But they all said the support from their wives, children and girlfriends are the reason they are still together and playing so well.

"If it wasn't for the spouses and children supporting us, we wouldn't be where we are today," said Holy.

So why do they do it? "Music is about the passion," said bassist Yanga. "It somehow triggers something inside of me. I totally feel like I am one with the music."

"Music for me is a form of relaxation," said acoustic guitarist Bautista. "I can stay in a room and play all day. I won't be bored as long as I have my guitar with me."

For more information on Zoundbox, including a calendar of gigs, visit www.zoundbox.com.



Coast Guard Chief Tim Fields strums his guitar while playing a set at a Honolulu club. Fields plays lead guitar and keyboards for the band.



CWO2 Doyle Purdy, assigned to NCTAMS, sings an original Zoundbox song at a club in Honolulu. Purdy contributes lead vocals and rhythm guitar as well as songwriting for the band.

The who'z who of Zoundbox



EMCS (SW) Joel Bautista, assigned to ATG MIDPAC
Acoustic guitar and back-up vocals



ITC (SW) (ret) John Holy
Drums



Coast Guard Chief Tim Fields
Lead guitar and keyboards



CWO2 Doyle Purdy, assigned to NCTAMS
Rhythm guitar and lead vocals



Mike Yanga, Navy family member
Bass guitar

'Pillow Talk' for returning Sailors

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When Sailors from the USS Paul Hamilton returned to Pearl Harbor from a four-and-a-half-month deployment on Sept. 9, they were greeted with a special kind of "pillow talk."

Pillow cases, colorfully decorated and in a variety of designs, fluttered in the breeze from the fence pier-side as the ship arrived.

Some of Paul Hamilton's Sailors didn't have families and friends waiting on the dock to give them a warm welcome home. But pillow-cases adorned with personalized photos and heartfelt messages from families - here in Hawai'i and hundreds of miles away - expressed thanks, appreciation and love to the Sailors who were returning.

Spearheaded and coordinated by Nicole Romero, the treasurer for the USS Paul Hamilton Family Support Group and wife of Quartermaster 1st Class (SW) Rafael Romero, Project Pillow Case was launched to show support and appreciation for the returning Sailors. "This was especially nice for the Sailor that might not have family here, but a family member from back home was able to make a pillow case and a note of encouragement on a job well done," explained Romero.

Romero derived the idea from a similar pillow case project during her husband's first deployment, when he was assigned to the USS Saipan (LHA2) at Norfolk, Va. The wives' support group decorated pillow cases and sent them to the Sailors on the ship while they were still at sea. The Paul Hamilton wives and family members began working on Project Pillow Case about three weeks after the ship deployed,



U.S. Navy photo by J03 Ryan C. McGinley

A Sailor assigned to USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) looks at his pillow case, made by family members, after returning from a deployment.

Romero said.

Project Pillow Case proved to be popular for many families who weren't able to make the trip to Hawai'i to welcome their loved ones home.

"For over two years, I've been at all my husband's homecomings. This will be his first time looking out at all the loved ones and not seeing his own. It breaks my heart to not be there for him. At least with this pillow case, he'll be able to see our faces," wrote one Navy wife named Carol as she thanked the spouse's ohana for the opportunity to contribute to Project Pillow Case.

"What an awesome project! Thank you so much for telling me about this...especially since we can't be there to greet our Sailor," wrote Amanda, wife of another Paul Hamilton Sailor.

LaFonda, a spouse in Arkansas, wrote, "We will not be there when the ship pulls in. But, I wanted to tell ya'll how much I appreciate this opportunity and how much I appreciate ya'll doing this for the men & women, like my husband, whose family may not get to

be there to welcome them back in person. I think it is a very thoughtful idea."

A mother from Texas expressed her appreciation for the project. "Thanks to all of you that are working on this project for the Sailors. I know it will mean a lot to each one," she said. Dawn, the mother of another Paul Hamilton Sailor, expressed her support of the project and her appreciation to the family support group. "I have so much peace knowing he is happy with his ship, his shipmates and base in Honolulu. May God bless each of you and keep our sons, husbands and families safe from harm," she said.

The pillow cases were creative and offered glimpses into events and holidays that the Sailors had missed during the deployment and many were personalized with photos of loved ones. Cards that represented holidays the Sailors had missed, letters and other loving tokens were placed inside the pillow cases by family members.

One of the pillow cases sent a special reminder to one Paul Hamilton Sailor, Gunners Mate 3rd Class

Chad Johnson from his fiancée, Amanda Lewis, back home in Plainview, Texas. A copy of the couple's wedding invitation decorated the pillow case with an accompanying a note that read, "I can't wait to marry you. See you at the altar!"

Quartermaster 1st Class Lawan Jackson talked about how he felt when the ship pulled into Pearl Harbor and he was greeted by his family and presented with a special pillow case.

"It was overwhelming. It was just a joyous feeling. It's the first time I received something like that since I've been on deployments," Jackson said. "When we were pulling in, my co-workers saw them [pillow cases on the pier] and they said that it was cool and said, 'Look at my name on the pier,'" he continued. "It was really a good idea. That's going to be something that helps me remember that deployment."

"It's always an emotional time when you come home from deployment. We noticed all of the pillow cases on the fence on the pier - which was really cool," explained QMC (SW) Jim Gathman. "It was a symbol of, 'Hey, we're here. We're waiting for you. Welcome home!'" he said.

The Sailors from the Paul Hamilton took their pillow cases home with them as a memorable keepsake as they disembarked the ship. "For them to come home and see something individual for them, instead of just a "welcome home" banner was exciting," noted Romero. "They had a piece of homecoming that they could take home with them."

"They'll always look at their pillow cases and know that it was from CARAT Cruise 2005. It will remind them of their time on Paul Hamilton," Romero said.

JEMS Job Fair



U.S. Navy photo by J02 Devin Wright

Two Sailors from Naval Station Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard talk with a representative from the Federal Bureau of Investigations at the Joint Employment Management System (JEMS) Job Fair on Sept. 13 at Club Pearl at Pearl Harbor. JEMS caters exclusively to the military community by bringing employers to the military job seeker through job fairs. JEMS also provides online job placement assistance through their Web site www.JEMSHawaii.com.

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September is Ombudsman Appreciation Month

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It is the middle of the Vietnam War, Nixon is president and Admiral Elmo Zumwalt is the Chief of Naval Operations. With the issuance of Z-Gram 24, Admiral Zumwalt formed the Navy Family Ombudsman Program on Sept. 14 1970. Since the inception of that brand new instruction, OPNAVINST 1750.1E, signed June 27, the ombudsman program has withstood the test of time.

September is Ombudsman Appreciation Month. Ombudsmen are volunteers appointed by commanding officers (CO) to serve two important roles: a communications link between the CO and command family members and a professionally trained information and referral specialist for the command's families.

Training is a major aspect of the ombudsman program. All new ombudsmen are required to complete 24 hours of standardized basic training. Additionally, all ombudsmen must attend 10 hours of advanced training a year and ongoing training at monthly assembly meetings

All this training is not to pad a resume; it's to serve family members just like you. Ombudsmen make themselves available to

assist family members in handling a variety of situations ranging from automotive repair to emergency messages to suicide and everything in between.

Each of the three Navy communities in Hawai'i (surface, submarine, and air) has ombudsman assemblies. Sherrie Ingram serves as Navy Region ombudsman and assembly chairperson for Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i.

Diane Thompson is the force ombudsman and interim assembly chairperson for Commander, Submarine Force Pacific. Jennifer Gerrior is the Kaneohe Bay assembly chairperson. These ladies are committed to helping Navy families and have the following message, "Do you know who your ombudsman is? If you haven't heard from your ombudsman, it's possible that she does not have your current contact information. Your spouse's command or the ombudsman program coordinator can help put you in contact with your current ombudsman."

In a recent survey of 25 Sailors and Navy family members at the Pearl Harbor NEX/ Commissary, 96 percent of those surveyed knew what an ombudsman was and about 72 percent knew who their ombudsman was.

Of those, 88 percent knew how to contact their

ombudsman. One Navy wife even had her ombudsman's phone number programmed into her cell phone.

Teresa Espiritu, ombudsman program coordinator, can be reached at the Pearl Harbor Fleet and Family Support Center by calling 473-4222, ext. 275. Some of Espiritu's duties are to coordinate ombudsman trainings, serve as a resource for ombudsmen, support ombudsmen and provide program guidance to commands.

She also works closely with a highly-experienced team of ombudsman trainers, Rayna Beck, Maraline Freeman, Sherrie Ingram, Janeane Robinson, Diane Thompson and Karen Vizina.

Emergencies happen when you least expect them. Ombudsmen are highly trained to assist you in handling them. Your ombudsman is willing and able to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Get to know your ombudsman, have her contact information handy at all times, understand what she can do for you and give her a chance.

That may also be a good time to give your ombudsman a call and thank him or her for the time and effort they give and to let your chain of command know that their ombudsman is appreciated.

Something's cookin' at the NEX



Photo by Laarni Gedo, NEX Marketing

Certified Master Chef Martin Yan, a host of more than 1,800 cooking shows, provides a cooking demonstration for patrons at the Navy Exchange at Pearl Harbor. Those in attendance were able to sample Yan's Mongol Warrior Beef Salad, Three-Alarm Firecracker Chicken and Pineapple Hot and Sour Soup.

Skylark Central

What ship am I?

- I am the 8th U.S. Naval vessel to carry my name; the first one was launched in 1755 as a one-masted sailing ship that served during the American Revolution and its displacement was only about 1/1000 of mine.
- My construction began 4 Feb. 1958 and I was launched on 24 Sept. 1960 as the largest ship afloat.
- My waterline is 317 meters long and I have a beam of 40.5m
- I am powered by eight pressurized water-cooled A2W nuclear reactors and 4 geared steam turbines by Westinghouse, which produce 280,000 horsepower. With this power I can travel 140,000 nautical miles at 36 knots or 400,000 n.m. at 20 knots.
- Cost of construction was 450 million dollars.
- I carry 94 aircraft which can include F-14A Tomcat, A-7E Corsair II, A-6E Intruder, S-3A Viking, EA-6B Prowler, E-2C Hawk Eye and SH-3H Sea King helicopters.
- I am the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier
- I am also known as the "Big E"



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Who was the first Chief of Naval Operations to have started as an enlisted Sailor?

Last week's question...

A burning fuel oil tank would be classified as what class of fire?

Answer - Class Bravo Fire



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Movie Call	
Sharkey Theater Naval Station Pearl Harbor (473-0726)	
	FRIDAY
7:00 p.m.	Stealth (PG 13)
	SATURDAY
2:30 p.m.	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG)
5:00 p.m.	Bad News Bears (PG 13)
7:15 p.m.	Wedding Crashers (R)
	SUNDAY
2:30 p.m.	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG)
5:00 p.m.	Stealth (PG 13)
7:15 p.m.	Hustle and Flow (R)
	THURSDAY
7:00 p.m.	The Dukes of Hazzard (PG 13)
Memorial Theater Hickam Air Force Base (449-2239)	
	FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND THURSDAY
7:00 p.m.	The Dukes of Hazzard (PG 13)
	SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m.	The Great Raid (R)
Sgt. Smith Theater Schofield Barracks (624-2585)	
	FRIDAY, SUNDAY AND THURSDAY
7:00 p.m.	Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (R)
	SATURDAY
7:00 p.m.	Must Love Dogs (PG 13)
	WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m.	Must Love Dogs (PG 13)

Editor's note: Every effort has been made to provide the most up-to-date information at the time of publication. However, scheduling of these events is subject to change. It is recommended that you call the contact numbers for the individual events to determine whether or not the activity will be held.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EVENTS

- **Sept. 22:** Kayaking at Moku Island, 9 a.m., \$20. Register by **Sept. 19.**
- **Sept. 23-25:** Kauai hike and kayaking, call for information.
- **Sept. 29:** Surf kayaking, 8:30 a.m., \$20. Register by **Sept. 26.**

PEE WEE SOCCER SIGN-UP
Pee Wee Soccer registration will be held through **Sept. 23.** The season begins **Oct. 15.** The cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt, medal and certificate. To register for youth sports activities, bring current physical (dated no more than a year ago) and birth certificate. Leagues are open to family members of active duty, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians. For more information, call 474-3501.

OCEAN CONCEPTS ACTIVITIES
Ocean Concepts Scuba and Water Sports Adventure Center offers daily boat dives, air fills, equipment rentals and repairs. They also provide free transportation from Pearl Harbor to the dive site. The next PADI Rescue Diver Course, Emergency First Responder (EFR)/DAN Oxygen Provider Course will be held Sept. 19-25. Slots are available. For more information on the course or other classes and scheduled trips, call 422-5990.

INTRAMURAL FLAG FOOTBALL
The intramural flag football league season begins **Sept. 20** at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The league is open to active duty only from Pearl Harbor, Barbers Point, NCTAMS, NAVMAG and NSGA Kunia. Games will be played at Ward Field. For more information, call the athletics office at 473-2494 or 473-2437.

PAMPERED PLEASURES
Five lucky winners will be selected to receive "A Day of Pampering," valued at \$185, courtesy of MWR, NEX and O•P•I Products. Grand prize winners will receive a one-hour full body massage, a 45-minute facial, hairstyling (shampoo, cut and blow dry), a manicure and pedicure, and an O•P•I gift bag. In addition, 50 people will be selected to receive the "Pampered Nails" prize valued at \$60. Winners will receive a full manicure and pedicure service from an O•P•I professional (scheduled between Oct. 16-18 at The Banyans) and an O•P•I gift bag. Entries should be submitted no later than **Sept. 25** by visiting www.greatlifehawaii.com. Entries will also be accepted at the beauty salon in The Mall at Pearl Harbor. The drawing is open to all eligible MWR patrons. (The five grand prize winners must have NEX shopping privileges.) Winners will be selected by a random drawing. There is one prize per winner and one entry per person. For more information, call 423-3397.

REGISTER FOR SUPER GARAGE SALE & CRAFT FAIR
The next MWR Super Garage

Sale & Craft Fair is set for **Nov 5.** Those who wish to participate as vendors can register early at any Navy Information, Tickets & Travel Office. The information about the event and the application can be found online at www.greatlifehawaii.com.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN
It's all about fun, food, games and cash prizes during Monday Madness, starting at 6 p.m. every Monday at Club Pearl. Afternoon matinees are held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. each Tuesday at Club Koa, Iroquois Point. Activities are open to patrons age 18 and up only. For more information, call 222-0071.

TAILGATING TIME
University of Hawai'i football season and MWR brings party time to Richardson Field. Rent a stall for your tailgate party before each UH home football game and you'll receive free amenities provided by MWR - free ice to re-fill your coolers, prizes, games and fun activities. Stall rentals are open to all military ID cardholders. Party stalls are \$5 each and are large enough to accommodate one vehicle. Stalls are limited. To reserve a space or for more information, call the Rainbow Bay Marina office at 473-0279.

VOLUNTEER COACHES AND OFFICIALS NEEDED
Boys & Girls Clubs of Navy Hawai'i is looking for volunteer coaches and officials in a variety of sports and cheerleading. If you have a few hours to spare for a good cause, call the youth sports office at 474-3501.

WOMEN ON WEIGHTS (W.O.W.)
Women on Weights (W.O.W.) classes are held from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays at Bloch Arena. Learn proper technique and form on how to correctly incorporate resistance training into your fitness program. This four-week class was designed by women for women. The cost is \$40. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information, call 473-0793.



- **Today:** Ruth's Chris Steak House, depart from LIP at 6 p.m., \$60-80.
- **Sept. 17:** Snorkeling at Sharks Cove, 9:30 a.m., \$7.
- **Sept. 18:** Surf lessons with Jodi, 10 a.m., \$7.
- **Sept. 19:** Monday Night Football, 7 p.m., LIP, free.
- **Sept. 20:** Ping Pong Tournament, 7 p.m., Beeman Center, free.
- **Sept. 21:** Comedy Night, 6:30 p.m., Beeman Center, free.
- **Sept. 22:** Pool Tournament, 7 p.m., LIP, free.

Weekly events:

Sunday: Chess tournament, 6:30 p.m.
Monday: WWE wrestling, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 8-Ball tournament - 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Game show - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: 9-Ball Pool tournament - 7 p.m.

Bad News Bears: Morris, a former pro baseball player, was ejected from the game for attacking an umpire. He is lured back into the game to coach little league.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: *See Review*

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo: Deuce Bigalow is seduced back to his unlikely pleasure-for-pay profession, when his former pimp is implicated in the murders of Europe's greatest gigolos.

The Dukes of Hazzard: Bo and Luke Duke, who with the help of their eye-catching cousin Daisy and moonshine running Uncle Jesse, try and save the family farm from being destroyed by Hazzard County's corrupt commissioner Boss Hogg.

The Great Raid: Set in the Philippines in 1945, "The Great Raid" tells the true story of the 6th Ranger Battalion who undertake a daring rescue mission against all odds.

Hustle & Flow: Though DJay, a streetwise pimp, has always had a way with words, that gift has long been misused. A chance encounter with an old friend spurs DJay: if he's ever going to make his mark, it has to happen now.

Must Love Dogs: Sarah, who has sworn off dating after her breakup, finds her family pushing her back into the dating world. Her sister places a personal ad for her, declaring that anyone answering it "must love dogs," despite the fact she doesn't own a dog.

Stealth: The Navy develops a fighter jet piloted by an artificial intelligence computer. The jet is placed on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific to learn combat maneuvers from the human pilots aboard. But when the computer develops a mind of its own, it's the humans who are charged with stopping it.

Wedding Crashers: Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson star as a pair of divorce mediators who spend their weekends crashing weddings in a search for Ms Right...for a night.

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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

"Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" was a slow growing classic, which ended up sacrificing oddity for youthfulness. Director Tim Burton's decidedly unique perspective on the remake sticks more to the Roald Dahl novel and less with the concern for acceptance and likeability.

The new film is almost an exact replica of the first with respect to story line. The one notable difference is a substantial back story concerning Willy Wonka and his childhood. We learn about Wonka's father (ironically a dentist) and more importantly how Wonka became the world's most unusual candy creator.

Johnny Depp is brilliant as Willy Wonka without overextending to the point of stealing the show. His lines are limited, and Burton gets the most out of his famous actor through non-verbal communication. Depp's peculiar, tacit behavior pays homage to the likes of Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin with sublime idiosyncratic humor.

What makes this film really stand out though is Tim Burton. If ever there was a director whose mind was bizarre enough to reimagine the original "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," it's him. From "Edward Scissorhands" to "Sleepy Hollow" to "Ed Wood," Burton has continually transformed stories into magical adventures full of incongruities, and almost always crosses the line into questionable madness. The film is a visual delight, which narrowly escapes dementia and almost always entertains. Willy Wonka is not so much a likeable hero (as in the first film), but rather a borderline psychotic. The personalities of the children who win golden tickets are heightened to the point of downright annoyance, as well they should be. Every frame of Burton's warped little film is a lesson in extremities and just how far he can take it.

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," though quantitative in it's acting and remarkably brazen score, belongs to Burton. If ever there was a movie to escape the world-weariness, and if ever there was a director whose mind we could inhabit, it would most certainly be Tim Burton.

OVERALL RATING:

Community Calendar

To have your activity or event featured in the *Community Calendar*, e-mail your requests to hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com or fax 473-2876. Deadline is *Thursday for the following week's issue. Items will run on a space available basis.*

Blood drives will be held at the following locations. For more information or to schedule a blood drive, call 433-6148 or 433-6195.

- **Sept. 22:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center, Hickam Air Force Base.
- **Sept. 28:** IPAC (Installation Personnel Administration Center), Marine Corps Base Hawai'i – Kaneohe, time to be announced.
- **Sept. 29:** 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 25th ID Replacement Det, building 691, Schofield Barracks.

The COMPACFLT Officers' Spouses Club will host a **welcome coffee for Ellen Roughead** from 10 a.m. to noon **today** at the Nimitz House. Spouses of active duty, retired and deceased officers are invited to attend. Aloha attire is requested. There will also be a donation box available for school supplies which will be donated to Makalapala Elementary. For more information and to RSVP, call Sharon at 421-0290 or email compacfltspouses@yahoo.com.

Registration is now ongoing for the 11th annual **Joint Spouses' Conference (JSC)**, a forum for military spouses from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, which will be held **Sept. 30 and Oct. 1** at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center at Schofield Barracks. Registrants may choose from over 65 workshops with an array of interests, including cultural arts, cooking, health and fitness, parenting, career enhancement, military benefits and more.

The 2005 JSC keynote speakers will be Brig. Gen. Coral Pietsch and Dr. Kent Keith, author of "Anyway - the Paradoxical Commandments." The cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 for Friday or Saturday only. The fee includes workshops, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and a conference tote bag. Seating is limited to 400 attendees. All forms must be postmarked by **today**.

Children are not permitted to attend. Childcare is not available and must be prearranged. Registration forms may be picked up at military exchanges, commissaries, support centers, thrift shops and chapels. Register online or download the registration form at www.jointspousesconference.com. For more information and to preview some of the workshops, visit www.jointspousesconference.com or call the Navy liaison for the JSC, Cory Sievers, at 455-2921.

To learn more about having a mosquito-free environment, see the **Coleman Mosquito Deleto Demo** from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Sept. 17** at NEX Hawai'i outdoor living.

The **"NAVSTA Open" Golf Tournament** will tee off at 12:15 p.m. **Sept. 22** at the Kaneohe Bay Golf Course. There will be 12 four-person team spots in a scramble format. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place as well as two nearest the pin prizes and two longest drive prizes. The \$15 entry fee includes entry in the raffle. Green and cart fees are player's responsibility. Walking is okay. Those who plan to participate should register by **Sept. 20**. To register or for more information, call SK1 Dunklin or SK2 Hollowell at 473-4161 or email at capreecedunklin@navy.mil.

The Navy Exchange (NEX) Uniform Shop will

relocate to its bigger and newly-renovated home in building 1337 (formerly the NAVSTA Bowling Center next to Club Pearl) and will open on **Sept. 23.**

VP-4 Enlisted Family Support Group (EFSG) 1st Annual Golf Scramble will be **Nov. 2** at the Klipper Golf Course at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i – Kaneohe. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with shotgun start at noon. The deadline to register is **Sept. 30.** After Sept. 30, contact the golf committee for availability. Prizes will awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin and the overall team score. Ticket prices are as follows: E-5 and below \$50, E6-O3 \$57, O4 and above \$59, DoD/federal/civilian, \$65. The entrance fee for retired military applies to prior rate. Family members pay the same rate as military spouses. The fee includes: greens fee, cart fee (two per team), awards dinner, one raffle ticket, snacks and beverages. There will be an awards dinner for family and friends at a cost of \$27 for adults, \$13.50 for children ages five-10 and no charge for children under four years old. For more information , log onto: <http://efsg.tripod.com/> For more information, call 677-2059 or email VP-4 EFSG president, Jhylia Eagle, at alohaeeagle1@aol.com or VP-4 vice-president, Prairie Burt, at PBAdpi@aol.com.

The **Navy Enlisted Birthday Ball** will begin at 6 p.m. **Oct. 1** at Hilton Hawaiian Village. For tickets or for more information, Navy personnel should contact their command representative or command master chief.

The **Navy Officers' Birthday Ball** will begin at 6 p.m. **Oct. 8** at Hilton Hawaiian Village. For tickets or more information, Navy personnel should contact their command representative.

Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i will present a three-day **health promotion workshop** from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **Oct. 26-28** at Navy Training Center, building 679 (formerly Navy College). The workshop is designed for Navy instructors who wish to improve their presenting skills on such topics as nutrition, fitness, tobacco awareness, alcohol awareness, healthy heart and sexual responsibility. Deadline to register is **Oct. 14.** For more information, call 471-9355.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is seeking Navy **volunteers to help with the MDA dinner and auction** to be held **Nov. 19** at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel in Waikiki. The evening's activities include a silent auction and a live auction. Volunteers are needed to assist with the auctions. MDA will provide a free dinner to each volunteer. For more information, call 593-4454.

The 2005 Shop NEX **"shop and win" bumper stickers** are available at any Navy Exchange location. Patrons can place a bumper sticker on their cars for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate from the Navy Exchange; winners are selected weekly. Winners are then entered in a grand prize drawing for a \$2,000 shopping spree at the Navy Exchange.

The Hickam Hurricanes **swimming team is looking for a head coach.** Previous coaching experience is desirable. The team also has an immediate opening for an assistant coach. No previous coaching experience is required for the assistant coach position. For more information, contact Peggy Glasgow at 389-5063 or email at information@HickamHurricanes.com with a current resume.

Brother and sister reunite thousands of miles from home

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One of the many things that a member of the American military has to sacrifice is the freedom to be able to spend valued time with loved ones. In a rare turn of events, two Sailors originally from Wichita, Kansas were able to have a short reunion thousands of miles from their home. On Sept. 9, Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Brenda Bryant was shuttled from USS Chafee (DDG 90) to USS Chosin (CG 65) to visit her brother, Interior Communications Electrician Fireman Nathan Bryant, while both ships were conducting operations in the northern Arabian Gulf. BM3 Bryant has been in the Navy for three years.

Joining out of high school, she said the educational opportunities that the military offers had a lot of appeal to her. After completing boot camp, she reported to Pascagoula, Miss. for duty onboard Precommissioning Unit Chafee where she became a plankowner, a member of the ship's commissioning crew. Her brother, ICFN Bryant, followed suit and also joined the Navy upon graduation from high school. He requested to be stationed in Hawai'i to live near his sister and reported to USS Chosin (CG 65) on June 5, shortly before the ship's current deployment. Unfortunately, even though both are stationed in the same port, it has been over a year since they have seen each other. With opposite deployment

schedules and different in-port times, it is a rare occasion for their paths to cross. "I didn't expect to see her until after deployment," said ICFN Bryant. Even so, the two keep in touch through email three to four times a day. BM3 said, "When I found out Chosin was going to be operating in the same area as we have been, I emailed Nathan and told him to submit a request chit." She then submitted a special request chit herself through her chain-of-command to visit her brother. Both commands consented and when the two ships were at the right place at the right time, BM3 was brought over by a small boat to Chosin. Both siblings were ecstatic about the opportunity. BM3 commented, "This is a once-

in-a-lifetime absolutely amazing thing. To be able to see someone you care about this far from home is nice." ICFN said, "I'm happy about the support from both of our commands." The two were given an entire day to spend time together - something that does not happen too often for any Sailor on deployment. In the midst of high-intensity work schedules and watches, this was a much-needed break for both. The pair could be seen walking around laughing and ribbing each other in the usual brother-sister fashion throughout the day. As BM3 Bryant left Chosin later in the day, her brother jokingly called out, "You'll still be waiting on the pier for me when we get back from deployment, right?" "Of course!" was the reply.



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BM3 Brenda Bryant poses with her brother ICFN Nathan Bryant.

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